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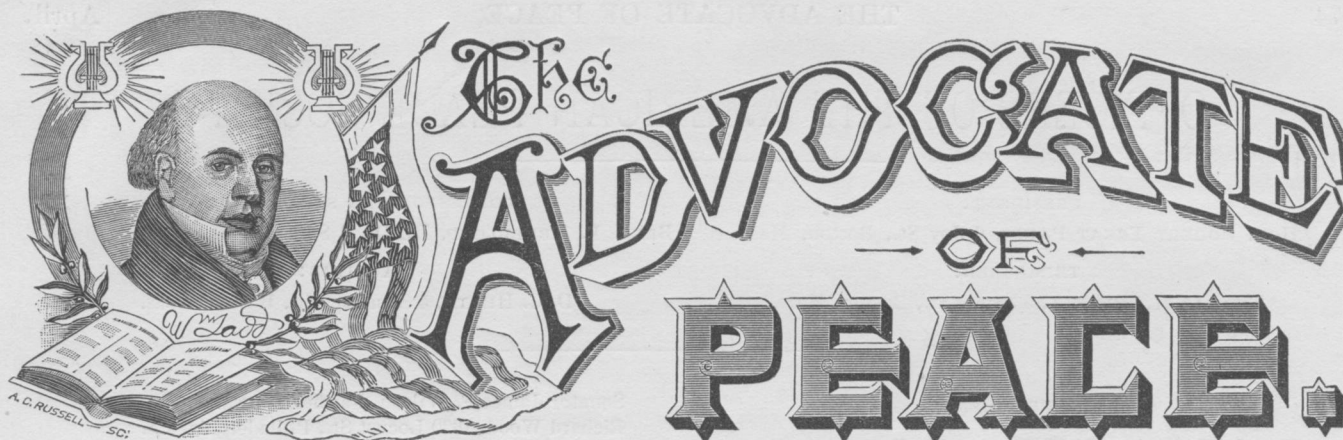
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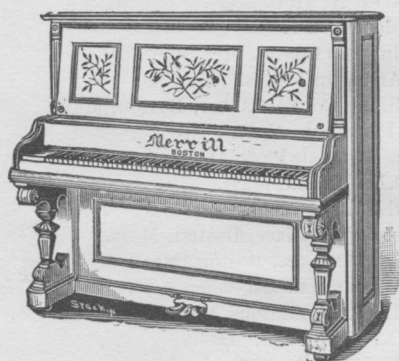
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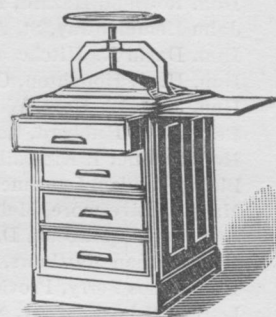
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THE PROGRESS OF THE WORLD TOWARD PEACE.

Speech delivered in the House of Representatives, Feb. 19th, on the naval appropriation bill.

BY HON. ELIJAH A MORSE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Mr. MORSE. Mr. Chairman, I had no idea of offering any remarks on the pending bill, but there was a single remark made by my friend, the gentleman from New York [Mr. BARTLETT], in the course of his speech on Saturday, which I can not allow to go unchallenged. He said, "Nineteen hundred years have passed since the advent of the Man of Nazareth, and instead of growing nearer and more near to an universal era of peace, all the energies, all the inventive talent, all the genius of the human mind, are now devoted to the manufacture and construction and suggestion of implements of war more horrible, more fatal in the power of execution than any which the world has heretofore seen." By which I understand the gentleman to mean that no progress has been made since the lowly Nazarene was upon earth in the

direction of disarmament or of settling disputes among nations by peaceful methods.

Now, I can not subscribe to that statement. Why, Mr. Chairman, a most wonderful event in the history of the world was just here and now happened. It is only a few days since W. Randal Cremer, a member of the English Parliament, appeared in this capital city of the nation bearing a memorial addressed to the Government and Congress of the United States, and signed by no less than 354 members of the British House of Commons, asking this Government to join with the Government of Great Britain in framing a treaty to refer to arbitration disputes which diplomacy fails to adjust.

Mr. Chairman, does this most wonderful messenger and this most wonderful memorial argue nothing against the statement made by the gentleman from New York?

The settlement by arbitration of the Alabama dispute, the Canadian fishery dispute by the treaty of Washington, the arbitration of the Bering Sea dispute, are triumphs of peace instead of war, all fresh in the memory of the living generation.

Why, Mr. Chairman, only Friday evening last I attended a meeting in Convention Hall in this city, which seats 8000 persons, and in that monstrous hall, festooned from its domes and arches, was exhibited a monster petition, the like of which was never seen on the face of the earth, five miles long, and signed by 1,150,000 persons, and further signed by officers of societies representing a grand total of 7,000,000 signatures, from citizens not only of this country and England, but of Burmah, Ceylon, Australia, Denmark, China, India, Mexico, Alaska, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Belgium, Holland, Sweden, Spain, Uruguay, Brazil, Japan, Corea, Egypt, Finland, Russia, Turkey, Hawaii, Siam, and other nations and peoples speaking no less than fifty languages and dialects.

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Mr. Chairman, does this great movement, championed in England by Lady Henry Somerset, and in this country